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RESPONSE A

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2008, Applicant submits the following response.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 6 of this paper an annotated sheet showing changes.

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